

(See Original Specification at p. 12, lines 9-12). Thus, the features recited in claims 1, 15, 24, 28 and 42 are already shown in the drawings and no drawing correction, as requested by the Examiner, is necessary.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Examiner stated that “the specification fails to state that the first free edge is bent toward the first portion and the second free edge is bent toward the second portion.” The specification has been amended at pages 11, 12, and 13 to state that the free edges of various embodiments are bent toward planar portions or surfaces. These amendments to the specification verbalize features of the embodiments that are shown in original FIGS. 7-10. Thus, these amendments are at least clearly supported by original FIGS. 7-10, and do not add new matter.

35 USC §112 CLAIM REJECTIONS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 15, 24, 28, and 42 as being indefinite. The Examiner states that these claims are misdescriptive. Applicant respectfully traverses. FIG. 6 shows a first free edge 150 bent **toward** first portion 138 and second free edge 152 bent **toward** second portion 140. The bending of these edges toward their respective portions is more clearly shown in FIG. 5. Other claimed embodiments are shown in FIGS. 8-10. Thus, claims 1, 15, 24, 28, and 42 correctly describe the relationship between the edges and the portions.

The Examiner rejected claim 2 as misdescriptive, since the first and second portions do not appear to be parallel to at least one planar side. Claim 2 has been amended to correct this description problem.

The Examiner rejected claim 3 as unclear, since he believes it is not clear if the first and second sides are part of the at least one planar side. Claim 3 has been amended to clarify that the at least one planar side further includes first and second sides.

The Examiner rejected claim 4 because “a pair of adjacent side” is in bold type. Claim 4 has been amended to remove the bold type.

The Examiner rejected claim 39 as indefinite. According to the Examiner, referring to the flanges as having acute angles “relative to” the first and second planar portions is indefinite. Claim 39 has been amended to refer to the flanges as having acute angles “with” the first and second planar portions. The above amendments to the claims are supported at least by the original specification and figures, and thus no new matter is being added by these claim amendments.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner’s statement that claims 1, 24, and 39 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and that claims 2-23, 25-28 and 40-43 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

The present response addressed all of the objections and rejections of the Office action. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims patentably distinguish over all the art of record, taken singly or in any combination. Entry of the Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of the application to issue are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with applicant's attorney might expedite the resolution of any outstanding issues in this case, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-0031.

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Marked-up Version of the Specification

Page 1, above "Technical Field" heading:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of our prior pending application Ser. No.
PCT/US00/34161, filed December 15, 2000, which is a continuation of our prior
abandoned application Ser. No. 09/461,593, filed December 15, 1999.

Page 11, paragraph at lines 8-15:

Backing 114 comprises planar portions 138 and 140, which are orthogonal to one another at 144 along a common corner 142. Planar portion 138 has the same rectangular dimensions as side 122, and planar portion 140 is identical in outline to side 124. To interlock with slots 130 and 132, the free edges 150 and 152 of backing 114 are bent 180° toward the planar portions 138 and 140 to form flanges 146 and 148 which are parallel to planar portions 138 and 140 and spaced apart the same selected distance as slots 130 and 132 are from edges 134 and 136. Flanges 146 and 148 are friction fit within slots 130 and 132 and will remain in said slots until intentionally removed.

Page 12, paragraph at lines 9-12:

In pictorial display 200, free edges 250 and 252 of backing 214 are inwardly bent toward planar portions 238 and 240 slightly more than 90 degrees (100 degrees, for example) to form flanges 246 and 248. Flanges 246 and 248 then form slightly acute angles with planar portions 238 and 240, respectively.

Page 13, paragraph at lines 15-23:

In pictorial display 300, recesses 330 and 332 are each arcuate in cross-section (e.g., each forming a half-cylinder). Flanges 346 and 348 are narrower than flanges 246 and 248 and flanges 346 and 348 are bent toward planar surfaces 338 and 340 form much smaller angles with planar surfaces 338 and 340, respectively. When pictorial display 300 is assembled, edges 350 and 352 are biased to contact cube 316 roughly in the middle of recesses 330 and 332, respectively. This configuration allows flanges 346 and 348 and recesses 330 and 332 to be manufactured to less exacting tolerances than the flange and recess combinations of the other embodiments disclosed herein, while still providing a secure, attractive fit between cube 316 and backing 314.

Clean Version of the Specification After Amendments

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Marked-up Version of the Claims

2. (Amended) The pictorial display of claim 1, wherein said polyhedron includes at least one planar side, and said first and second recesses and said first and second flanges co-operate to hold said first [and second] portion[s] of said backing in close parallel relationship with said at least one planar side of said polyhedron.
3. (Amended) The pictorial display of claim 2, wherein said [polyhedron further includes] at least one planar side includes first and second planar sides and the dimensions of said first and second portions of said backing conform to the dimensions of each of said first and second planar sides, respectively, of said polyhedron.
4. (Amended) The pictorial display of claim 1, wherein said polyhedron includes [**a pair of adjacent sides**] a pair of adjacent sides sharing a common corner, the dimensions of each of said first and second portions conforming respectively to the dimensions of said pair of adjacent sides, and said backing is bent between each of said first and second portions to form a corner which mates with said common corner of said polyhedron when said backing is attached thereto.

39. (Amended) A pictorial display comprising:

a polyhedron having a top, a bottom, and first, second, third and fourth sides, said bottom and first and second sides being substantially flat, said third and fourth sides respectively including first and second elongated slots; and

a backing comprising an opaque material and having first and second flanges, first and second free edges, and first, second and third planar portions;

wherein said backing and said polyhedron are adapted to contain a pictorial representation therebetween;

wherein each of said first, second and third planar portions is shaped and located to respectively cover said first and second sides and said bottom;

wherein said first and second flanges are respectively located between said first free edge and said first planar portion and between said second free edge and said second planar portion;

wherein said first and second flanges form an acute angle [relative to] with said first and second planar portions, respectively.